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DRAFT OF THE DECLARATION CONCERNING THE ADVANCE
OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY (TENTATIVE DRAFT) (22 Nov 1941)

(Note: This declaration is to be announced at home and abroad immediately after the advance of the Imperial Army)

The establishment of world peace by planning the stabilization and prosperity of East Asia and the enabling of each nation to find its respective place are the immutable national policies of the Empire. In order to realize these policies, the Empire has consistently exerted its utmost efforts.

However, the CHIANG regime has hitherto failed to understand the true intentions of the Empire, has tried to disturb the peace of East Asia and impair the national interests of the Empire, and has finally compelled Japan to take up arms. Although England, America, and other countries have, since then, interfered with the execution of the Empire's national policy, the Empire has proceeded in the war of subjugation with undivided attention, and its armies, after five years, have finally brought this CHIANG regime to the verge of collapse. However, these various countries have, through every economic and military means, not only made frantic efforts to aid the enemy but have also threatened French Indo-China which has joined hands with the Empire. Therefore, the Empire has concluded an agreement with France concerning the joint defense of French Indo-China and has dispatched reinforcements to southern French Indo-China.

These various countries have several commercial intercourse with the Empire and at the same time have assumed an attitude which endangers the existence of the Empire.

However, the Empire, which desires peace, assumed a humble attitude during this period and in order to remove the threat to the existence of the Empire and to the peace of East Asia by peaceful means, has continued diplomatic negotiations patiently and cautiously for many months. The Empire consistently exercised sound reasoning and requested England, America, and other countries led by them, to reconsider and in order to correct their faults, exerted its efforts in the negotiations. However, these countries misinterpreted the Empire's true intentions concerning policies for the establishment of peace throughout East Asia and turned deaf ears to the Empire's contentions. Instead, they have joined close together and have increased the threat to the existence of the Empire and the peace of East Asia. Now, it has become apparent that these countries have absolutely no sincere desire for lasting world peace or the promotion of the welfare of mankind, and the future of East Asia has become very critical.

At this point, the Empire has finally made a decision and by the resolute use of force is going to uproot completely the threat to the Empire and eliminate acts which aid the enemy and at the same time establish the foundation for the prosperity of East Asia. Consequently, the Empire is going to contribute to the security of world peace based on righteousness.

On the occasion of the Imperial Army's advance, the inhabitants of the southern areas may be affected by the disturbance. However, the Empire has not the slightest feeling of hostility against these people, and hopes that they will understand the Empire's intentions and cooperate in the carrying out of these intentions.

國家機密

皇軍進駐ニ關スル宣言書（試案）

（昭和二年二月二二）

（註、本宣言ハ皇軍進駐直後内外ニ向テ宣示セントスルモノナリ）

東亞ノ安定興隆ヲ圖リ以テ世界平和ヲ確立シ
 萬邦ヲシテ各々其ノ所ヲ得シメントスルハ帝
 國不劫ノ國是ニシテ之カ具現ノ爲帝國ハ終始
 徹ラサル成善ノ努力ヲ致シ來レリ
 然ルニ幾ニ時政體ハ帝國ノ真意ヲ解セス東亞
 ノ安定ヲ亂シ帝國ノ國利ヲ損傷セントシ遂
 ニ帝國ヲシテ干戈ヲ執ルノ已ムナキニ至ラシメタ
 メタルカ爾來英米等ノ諸國ハ同政體ヲ援助シテ
 テ帝國國策ノ遂行ヲ妨サセルモ帝國ハ一意征
 戰ニ邁進シ兵馬茲ニ三年同政體漸ク潰滅ニ傾
 スルヤ是等諸國ハ經濟ニ或ハ軍費ニ凡ユル手
 段ヲ以テ其敵行爲ニ征奔セルノミナラス帝國
 ト提携セル佛印ヲ脅威セントセルヲ以テ帝國ハ佛國ト
 佛印共同防衛ニ關スル協定ヲ締結シ軍ヲ南部
 佛印ニ増派セリ
 是等諸國ハ遂ニ帝國ニ對シ通商ヲ斷絶スルト
 共ニ帝國ノ存立ヲ危殆ナラシムルカ如キ態勢
 ヲ執ルニ至レリ
 然リト雖モ平和ヲ願念スル帝國ハ此間諒解之

ニ處シ平和手段ニ依リ帝國ノ存立ト東亞ノ安定ニ對スル脅威ヲ除カシカ爲隱忍自重長日月ニ亘ル外交交渉ヲ行ヒ終始一貫條約ヲ變シテ英米ト之ニ附和スル諸國ノ反省ヲ求メ其ノ非違ヲ匡シ折衝是レ務メタルモ是等諸國ハ全東亞ノ平和確立ノ万途ニ關スル帝國ノ巨意ヲ解シ帝國ノ主張ニ耳ヲ矯サス抑テ益相悞策應シテ帝國ノ存立ト東亞ノ安定トニ對スル脅威ヲ増大スルニ至リ茲ニ是等諸國ハ世界ノ恒久平和ト人類ノ福祉増進ヲ希求スルノ誠意全ク無キコト明カトナリ大東亞ノ前途危急ヲ告グルニ至レリ

茲ニ於テ諸國ハ遂ニ意ヲ決シ所乎實力ヲ援助シ以テ帝國ニ對スル脅威ト變換行爲ヲ根本差別的ニ削除スルト共ニ東亞興隆ノ基礎ヲ確立シ延イテ正義ニ立脚スル世界平和ノ確據ニ寄與セントス

皇軍進駐ニ際シ或ハ局見ノ南方諸地原住民ニ及フコトアラシモ帝國ハ是等住民ニ對シ毫モ故意ヲ有スルモノニ非ス宜シク帝國ノ意圖ヲ諒シ之カ遂行ニ協力センコトヲ望ム